



November 8, 2005

**Via E-Filing**

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Notice of Consummation  
Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 96); Union Pacific Railroad Company --  
Abandonment -- Between Barr and Girard, IL

Dear Mr. Williams:

The above abandonment was approved as part of the UP/SP merger in Finance Docket No. 32760, UP/SP Merger (Decision No. 44), served August 12, 1996. Subsequently, UP agreed to negotiate trail use under the National Trail System Act and, in Decision No. 51, STB issued a CITU covering the line. The trail use negotiating period was extended several times. The final extension was granted by a decision served December 29, 2000 in Docket AB-33 (Sub-No. 96), and expired, under the terms of the December 29 decision, on March 1, 2001.

Subsequent to the expiration of the trail use negotiating period, UP transferred the right-of-way to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This transfer was not made under the National Trail System Act. Rather, it was made subsequent to consummation of full abandonment.

In reviewing our files in this matter, we note that we did not furnish the Board with a notice of consummation in March, 2001. While none was required (this abandonment was filed in 1995, prior to the current STB abandonment rules), it has nevertheless been UP's practice in merger abandonments to furnish such a notice when one of these abandonments is effectuated.

Accordingly, this letter is to advise that the above abandonment was consummated on March 1, 2001.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert T. Opal", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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